

Hot Springs Public Hearing, October 5, 2019, Comment Cards

Name	Comments
John Nelson	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The people who are against his permit being granted <u>greatly</u> outnumber those in favor. 2) The modification of the draft permit in every case relax requirements meant to <u>protect</u> the public so the environmental <u>protection</u> agency should disapprove the permit for these waste injection wells. Thus doing their job - - protecting the people.
Alias American Horse	The draft permits should not have been issued before proper and meaningful Tribal Consultation takes place.
Dale American Horse	I do not want uranium mining Black Hills! Powertech must prove that the Minnelusa aquifer is not suitable for drinking before it is issued a permit to pump mining waste into the aquifer.
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)	I AM <u>AGAINST</u> the injection of waste & the mining of uranium near Edgemont. No one <u>really</u> knows what will happen after injecting waste deep into the ground near our drinking water source.
	If you can't drink the water jobs don't matter. The mining company should post bonds to cover <u>all</u> clean up if necessary.
	NO MINING
	When an event [seismic event] happens, what is the time line to shut down and contact the community?
	Stop this project. It will <u>KILL</u> us.
	This attempt is ridiculous – stop this project immediately or don't continue to claim you are the environmental "protection" agency.
	One Question: Would you live in an area that has polluted and unsafe water?
	Neither do we!
	That uranium, however, much is there, stay in the ground.
	No mining.
	<p>I oppose uranium mining, 100%</p> <p>***WATER IS LIFE***</p> <p>There is absolutely <u>NO</u> guarantee that uranium mining will not contaminate our water.</p> <p>It is <u>NOT WORTH THE RISK!</u></p>
	<p>There is still clean up in Edgemont that has not been cleaned up from the last mining.</p> <p>Hot Springs tourism depend on pure, clean water of our national mineral springs.</p>
	Groundwater is a precious necessity. Movement of underground water is sometimes predictable, sometimes not. The pathways of water infiltrating from the surface to groundwater (the water table) can be unpredictable. I have had experience with dye tracing from surface locations into a karst (cavernous) terrain, and the results have been both predicable and surprising. One never really knows what direction water will move underground. I have a decent groundwater well 6 miles north of Hot Springs, SD, and I

	<p>feel that any extractive industry, one that might come in contact with groundwater in my neighborhood, puts the quality of my well water at risk. Fracturing the near-surface crust of the earth may introduce a myriad of unforeseen subterranean passageways for groundwater flow.</p>
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)	<p>Please deny the permit(s).</p> <p>We expect the EPA to protect the environment; not allow anything toxic. It's simply not logical.</p>
	<p>My comment is Not to allow uranium mining or any procedures that affect the benefits of our local water and health of the public of this region.</p> <p>I drink this water straight from a spring since 2012. The minerals in the water have made it possible for me to no longer take arthritic or strong pain medicine to the amount I was prescribed to take for the conditions that I physically have to this day.</p>
	<p>Concerned that Powertech is owned by Chinese company, and that they will be selling the mined uranium primarily to China.</p> <p>Also, will they be bringing in Chinese workers?</p> <p>And will the profits be going to China?</p>
	<p>PLEASE RESPECT THE PEOPLE OF S.D. AND CLOSE THE BOREHOLES & TOXIC WASTE DUMP NOTION. RESPECT THE 97% of the people who don't want this injection well. Also respect the Treaties with the Native American Tribes. No one wants radioactive water to drink, grow food, or any other problems for future generations. No contamination ever, thank you! Uphold the law, don't allow big money and outside interests to ruin our way of life. NO PERMITS TO POWERTECH! Thank you.</p>
	<p>IN OPPOSITION TO ISR URANIUM MINING.</p> <p>You, the EPA, must consider the negative impacts to all health (human & animal) from Lakota perspective as well as from a scientific/technical perspective.</p> <p>May name – Wakinyan Cikala & family status can be traced back I not the mid-1500s and this is my perspective as a Lakota woman. The He Sapa and its water are life. These Hills are the good health of our future generations, both yours and mine. <u>OURS</u></p> <p>Scientifically speaking, the Lakota presence here is proven back into year 1616 B.C.. We have protected this land and sustained ourselves in good health since that time – Inyan Kaga to <u>NOW</u>.</p> <p>Our children and grandchildren are depending upon us to make good decisions for their well-being, for their very lives. Water is Life. Mni Wiconi. Wama kanskan</p>
	<p>In an article titled "The Curse of Uranium in the Black Hills" by Ben Whitford, a Powertech Mining Co. Exec was quoted as saying</p>
	<p>I have spent my entire architectural career developing sustainable project, passive solar, , active solar & LEED through the Black Hills. Our environment is critical to the hills as well as the entire world. We need to protect it. Mining for uranium is not environmentally friendly!! We drive totally electric cars because has/oil is deadly for our atmosphere and its use is destroying our atmosphere just like uranium mining in the Black Hills will pollute our water and environment.</p> <p>You have the ability to stop the uranium mining so <u>please</u> put a <u>stop to it!!</u></p>

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	<u>No Mines!!!</u>
	Issuing a "draft" water permit before consultation with tribes is despicable. Respect the sovereign nations of this place – let them decide whether to issue a permit or not.
	I came to support those speaking about the concern of uranium mining causing long term effects to the waters and land in the Black Hills and its areas surrounding our community.
	What I did not expect to take away from the hearing was the disregard to the Native American treaty...
	What I did not expect was to hear a speaker from the Chernobyl disaster that now lives in the Black Hills.
	Myself and my family are against this uranium mining and the EPA must withdraw the permits. Thank you.
	We know this will not be a benefit to this area – And it "will" poison our water. Absolutely No to Mining and injection wells.
	Please don't let the companies mine for uranium in the Black Hills.
	Please be reminded that we are at the mercy of DENR/WMB. No surface water testimony was allowed! Thank you for listening.
	We moved here in large part because of the quality of the water. This will be a human tragedy if this is allowed to occur. The EPA <u>must</u> stop this! Our water quality is not worth <u>any</u> dollar amount of contamination. <u>Do not let this happen!!</u>
	My husband and me moved here in large part because of the quality of the water. Will be devastating if this is allowed to occur. The EPA must stop this! Thank you!
	I am adamantly opposed to fracking & uranium mining in South Dakota. It will destroy our water aquifers – say NO NO NO NO
	I am not in support of any uranium mining.

Testimonies Handed in at Hearing

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Your agency wants to disregard the cultural impact of the proposed Dewey-Burdock uranium mining project and evaluate impacts from only a technical and scientific perspective.

The dictionary defines culture as the customs, arts, history and intellectual achievement of a people or nation.

Disregarding indigenous culture in our evaluation is just a perfect reflection of what our American culture has become – putting the almighty dollar, or yen or ruble in this case since Azarge